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**Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Dept.,
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, S. C. 29211**

Ref: Docket # 2009-489-E

Commission Members,

I am taking this opportunity to voice my opposition to the request by SCE&G for a rate hike of any amount and especially one of near 10%.

Our state and nation are in bad economic times. Many business have closed, others are struggling just to remain operational. Numerous citizens of our state have lost their jobs, homes and other properties and having difficulty feeding their families. And here comes SCE&G requesting an increase in electricity rates.

I am outraged at SCE&G's seemingly uncaring attitude concerning their customers. It seems that all they care about is guaranteeing their investor's a high return on their money each and every year at any cost to the customer. It must be brought to SCE&G's attention that an investor is not guaranteed a profit each and every year. Let their investors bite the bullet just as the rest of us are doing.

Remember, that SCE&G has already been approved for a 2.5% rate increase each year for the next decade, and a 4.4% rate hike in 2008. SCE&G rates are higher than other investor owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

When and where is SCE&G's blank check going to end. I urge you ladies and gentlemen to deny this rate increase in its entirety.

Thank you for your attention, time and your service to this state.


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